NOTE XXXVII.

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW PAUSSID FROM SOUTH-AFRICA.

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Pentaplatarthrus Van Damii, v. d. Poll.

Pentaplatarthro paussoidi valde affinis, sed praecipue differt: antennis multo brevioribus, tamen eadem latitudine, corpore subangustiore, colore multo obscuriore (brunneo-nigro, elytris nigris), sculptura subtiliora.

Long. 8 mm., lat. $2^1/_2$ mm.

This species is so closely allied to the well-known *P. paussoides* Westw., that it will be sufficient to point out the differences.

About of the same size as *P. paussoides*, but somewhat more slender; the coloration much darker, being brownish-black with the elytra (the shoulders excepted) deep black; the punctuation shallower. The principal characteristic however is the shortness of the antennae, which differ one third in length, and although being shorter, remain equally broad, by which they obtain a much more club-like shape. The terminal joint is less rounded, almost straight along the sides, and also less projecting at the tip.

At first I was inclined to regard this species as one of the sexes of *P. paussoides;* an investigation of the abdomina showed however that, according to the sexes, the antennae do not differ.

The ♀ specimen above described was captured by Dr. B. A. P. van Dam (to whom I have much pleasure in dedicating the species) in October 1884, under a stone, near Fauresmith (Orange Freestate).